

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 68

By DuBois

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Ralph Page Baker of Maury County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Ralph Page Baker; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Maury County, Ralph Baker, the son of the late Robert D. Baker and Essie Page Baker, was a highly respected member of the Water Valley community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baker attended the Sylvan Heights School and served as a proud member of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, prior to his retirement, Mr. Baker served with acumen and alacrity for thirty-eight years at Dupont/Spontex; he was also a well-known farmer and played an instrumental role in the founding of Keith Baker Homes; and

WHEREAS, an active and influential member of his community, Ralph Baker offered his valued participation as a member of the Water Valley Community Club, Hickman Farmers Co-op, Maury Farmers Co-op, Maury County Farm Bureau, and Tennessee Cattlemen's Association; was a founding member of the Central Basin Angus Association's Board of Directors; and served as the Superintendent of the Maury County Junior 4-H Livestock Show; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Baker was an active and devout member of the Goshen United Methodist Church, which he served faithfully throughout his entire life and for which he stood as the administrator of the Goshen United Methodist Cemetery Fund; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Baker enjoyed the loving companionship of Mai Elizabeth Woody Baker, to whom he was joined in marriage on November 13, 1949, and who, on May 6, 1998, preceded him in death; and

WHEREAS, his presence will be sorely missed by his children, Cynthia "Cindy" Lynn Baker, Keith Baker, and Winfred Baker; his sister-in-law, Sue Baker; his grandchildren, Angie Rosson, Brooke Baker, Jeremy Baker, Will Baker, and Robert Baker; his great-grandson, Chance Bennett Rosson; and a host of nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Ralph P. Baker leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Ralph Page Baker, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Baker.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.